New Member Benefit: Free Streaming Videos

Have You Checked It Out?

Our new streaming video program for members is a hit! Nearly a hundred of you have taken advantage of this new resource since we launched in mid-September.

What are streaming videos? These are training videos you can access through an online portal, watch at your leisure, and use in your training, 24/7. Through our new partnership with Aurora Pictures, you now have instant access to hundreds of videos, free of charge.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF:

• An easy (and quick) sign-up process.
• 800+ titles (many in multiple languages) immediately available, 24/7.
• Options to purchase DVDs at a great member discount.

Our popular video library is still available to you as well.

► To access the program and sign up, see southdakotasafetycouncil.org/memb/StreamingVideo.cfm.
► Questions? Contact Connie at 605-361-7785/800-952-5539; connie.fitch@southdakotasafetycouncil.org.
Case Study on Temp Work Safety

Federal OSHA, the National Safety Council and the American Staffing Association have developed a fictional case study that is generally based on citations issued by OSHA in connection with temporary workers’ on-the-job injuries. The case study provides practical information to allow staffing agencies and host employers to better protect temporary workers and understand who is responsible for recording temporary worker injuries on the OSHA 300 recordkeeping log. The situation depicted in the study involves a temporary worker assigned by a staffing agency to a host employer’s worksite to perform welding work indoors using a portable generator and portable welding equipment.

OSHA Urges Focus on Grain Handling Hazards

It’s harvest time, and federal OSHA is urging a focus on the grain and feed industry’s six major hazards: engulfment, falls, auger entanglement, “struck by,” combustible dust explosions and electrocution.

OSHA says that five seconds is all it takes for flowing grain to engulf and trap a worker. In 60 seconds, the worker is submerged and is in serious danger of death by suffocation. More than half of all workers engulfed in grain die this way. Many others suffer permanent disability.

An “engulfment” often happens when “bridged” grain and vertical piles of stored grain collapse unexpectedly. Engulfments may occur when employees work on or near the pile or when bin augers whirl causing the grain to buckle and fall onto the worker. The density, weight and unpredictable behavior of flowing grains make it nearly impossible for workers to rescue themselves without help.

Since January 2016, Nebraska and Kansas’ grain-handling industry has had two fatalities and four preventable work-related incidents.

As Midwestern farmers reap this year’s harvest, federal OSHA is urging industry employers and workers to fully implement safety and health programs including procedures for controlling hazardous energy, safe bin entry and housekeeping to avoid additional tragedies.

For more information and resources, see OSHA’s Grain Handling Topic Page.

NEW SDSC STAFF MEMBER OFFERS SAFETY EXPERIENCE, EXPERTISE

Welcome to Amber Vandersnick, our new Occupational Safety and Health Manager!

Amber comes to us with 10 years of experience as the Health, Safety, Security and Environmental Manager at Syngenta Production and Supply in Brookings. She knows the kinds of issues our members face, and she’s ready to help!

Amber also has an Associate’s Degree in Occupational Safety and Health from Columbia Southern University as well as two Bachelor of Science degrees from South Dakota State University (Agriculture/Animal Science and Biological Science). She is an OSHA Authorized General Industry Trainer and has a certificate in Safety Inspection Techniques from the OSHA Training Institute in San Diego. Amber has also earned the South Dakota Workplace Safety Certificate and the National Safety Council’s Advanced Safety Certificate. On top of that, she’s a certified First Aid/CPR/AED Instructor!

Give Amber a call and put all of that knowledge and experience to work for your organization. You can reach her at amber.vandersnick@southdakotasafetycouncil.org, 605-361-7785/800-952-5539.
South Dakota Employers Recognized for Excellence in Safety

Fifty-three employers earn Governor's Safety Awards

Fifty-three South Dakota employers were recognized for excellence in workplace safety and health at the Governor’s Safety Awards luncheon in Sioux Falls on October 5, part of the 24th annual South Dakota Safety and Health Conference.

Since 1993, the annual Governor’s Workplace Safety & Health Awards program has recognized South Dakota employers and their employees for achievements in safety. Participants submit workplace injury data which is compared with state and national data, as well as the entrant’s past performance. Ongoing safety programs and activities are also considered.

Winners are recognized at three levels: Meritorious Achievement for better than average performance in incident rates compared to an industry as a whole; Outstanding Achievement for continuing improvement or a continuing outstanding record; and the Award of Honor, the highest level of award.

Award of Honor Winners
Avera McKennan Hospital, Sioux Falls; BAE Systems, Aberdeen; Berry Plastics Corporation, Sioux Falls; Muth Electric, Inc., Mitchell; Polaris Industries, Inc., Vermillion; Sanford USD Medical Center, Sioux Falls; SGT, Inc., Sioux Falls; South Dakota Air National Guard, Sioux Falls.

Outstanding Achievement Awards
3M Aberdeen; 3M Brookings; Applied Engineering, Inc., Yankton; Avera Behavioral Health Center, Sioux Falls; Avera Dells Area Health Center, Dell Rapids; Avera Milbank Area Hospital, Milbank; Avera Prince of Peace, Sioux Falls; Brink Constructors, Inc., Rapid City; City of Huron; Daktronics, Inc., Brookings; Electronic Systems, Inc., Sioux Falls; Faulkton Area Medical Center, Faulkton; Kolberg-Pioneer, Inc., Yankton; Renew Energy Maintenance, Sioux Falls; Sanford Clinic, Sioux Falls; Sapa Extrusions Inc., Yankton; Smithfield Foods, Sioux Falls; South Dakota Army National Guard, Rapid City; Tessier’s Inc., Mitchell; Xcel Energy, Angus Anson Plant, Sioux Falls.

Meritorious Achievement Awards
Avera Gregory Healthcare Center and Hospital, Gregory; Avera Hand County Memorial Hospital, Miller; Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton; Avera Sacred Heart Majestic Bluffs, Yankton; Counterpart, Inc., Brookings; Dean Foods, Sioux Falls; Falcon Plastics, Inc., Prince Drive Brookings Plant, Brookings; Good Samaritan Society, Sioux Falls; Montana Dakota Utilities Co., Rapid City; Otter Tail Power Company, Big Stone Plant, Big Stone City; Pete Lien and Sons, Inc., Rapid City; POET Biorefining, Hudson; Regal-Hub City, Inc., Aberdeen; Sacred Heart Monastery, Yankton; South Dakota Wheat Growers, General Office, Aberdeen; South Dakota Wheat Growers: Carpenter, Chamberlain, Miller, Stickney, Tulare, Willow Lake, Woonsocket; Tiger Corporation, Sioux Falls; USGS EROS Center, Sioux Falls; Valero Renewable Fuels Company LLC, Aurora; Xcel Energy, Sioux Falls.

Congratulations to the following people who achieved the South Dakota Workplace Safety Certificate during the past year:
- Carol Foster, City of Sioux Falls
- Nancy Huntimer, POET
- Alan Jensen, Raven Industries
- James Scott, Good Samaritan Society
- Janet Wieseler, Applied Engineering, Inc.
Federal OSHA News

Additional Protocols Proposed for Respiratory Protection Standard

Federal OSHA wants to add two quantitative fit-testing protocols to the agency’s Respiratory Protection Standard, which would apply to employers in the general, shipyard and construction industries. The existing standard contains mandatory testing methods to ensure that employees’ respirators fit properly and are protective. The standard also allows for submission of new fit-test protocols for OSHA approval. The proposed protocols are variations of the existing OSHA-accepted PortaCount® protocol.

OSHA says the proposed rulemaking would allow employers greater flexibility in choosing fit-testing methods for employees. It would not require an employer to update or replace current fit-testing methods, as long as the fit-testing method(s) currently in use meet existing standards. The proposal also would not impose additional costs on any private- or public-sector entity. Comments accepted through December 6. Find details in the October 7 Federal Register.

OSHA Seeks Comment on Falls in Shipyards, Standards Improvement Project

OSHA is also seeking public comment and information relevant to falls in shipyards, as it considers updating related safety standards (falls in shipbuilding, ship repair, shipbreaking, and other shipyard-related employment).

Specifically, OSHA is seeking comments and information on the safe access and egress of vessels, buildings, and other structures in shipyard employment, including the use of stairways and ladders; use of fall and falling object protection; and erection, use, and dismantling of scaffolding systems. OSHA has not updated its safety standards in 29 CFR Part 1915, Subpart E since adopting them in 1971. Comments are due by December 7. See the OSHA website for more information.

OSHA's proposed Standards Improvement Project-Phase IV Rule, published on October 3, is part of an ongoing effort to revise provisions that may be confusing, outdated or unnecessary. It involves 18 changes to the agency’s recordkeeping, general industry, maritime and construction standards. A summary of the revisions includes issues ranging from PPE and PELs to X-ray requirements and the “vermin” classification of feral cats. OSHA will accept comments on the proposed changes through December 5.

New Methylene Chloride Alert

A new OSHA hazard alert highlights the dangers of methylene chloride. The alert comes after a temporary worker died from exposure to the chemical. OSHA lists a number of actions that contributed to the employee’s death:

The employer did not:
• Consider safer alternatives as a substitute for methylene chloride.
• Evaluate methylene chloride exposures prior to beginning the work.
• Evaluate and implement feasible engineering controls.
• Provide a supplied air respirator where engineering controls were infeasible or ineffective.
• Provide personal protective equipment (PPE) to prevent exposure through skin absorption.
• Train workers to recognize the hazards and the protective measures needed when working with methylene chloride.

Drill Safety Alert

MSHA has issued a drill entanglement safety alert to the mining community, citing the risk of entanglement in rotating machinery that is difficult to guard properly. The alert describes three deaths related to drill entanglement and lists a number of best practices.

Worker’s Comp Opt-Out Ruled Unconstitutional

National Safety Council reports that the Oklahoma Supreme Court has ruled the state’s workers’ comp “Opt Out Act” unconstitutional. The 2013 law allowed employers to opt out of traditional, state-mandated workers’ compensation plans and provide other coverage options. Oklahoma and Texas are the only states that have provided the opt-out option, to date.

In their decision, the Supreme Court justices wrote: “The Opt Out Act is an unconstitutional special law, creating an impermissible select group of employees seeking compensation for work-related injuries for disparate treatment.”
Articles of Interest

Maintaining Drug-Free Workplaces Where Marijuana is Legal

In-depth commentary from OHS Online: With half of the United States allowing some form of marijuana use, the workplace has become a hotbed of controversy when it comes to changing workplace drug policies. The author explores options for employers, while making the point that:

“The topic of ‘how much is okay’ is really a huge unknown, and not even experienced toxicologists can recommend an ‘acceptable’ level of THC . . . . The bottom line here is employers who choose to allow ‘some’ marijuana to be present are making an abstract choice based on their own guesswork without any scientific meaning behind it.”

Workplace Bullying and the Law

Can juries, judges or courts truly help those targeted by bullies? Perhaps, according to this article from the Anchorage Alaska Dispatch News. Citing a Texas case in which an employer was cited for intentional infliction of emotional distress, among other charges, an attorney/HR consultant states, “Employers have a duty to protect employees. If they fail to control the workplace, they potentially breach their duty, leading to possible intentional or negligent infliction of emotional distress tort claims.”

Safety and Health Needs of Older Workers

In a posting during the recent “National Employ Older Workers Week”, the National Institute for Occupational Safety & Health (NIOSH) Science Blog offered strategies to better support older workers, including:

- Encourage workplace flexibility.
- Match employees’ tasks to their strengths.
- Avoid or reduce lengthy, sedentary work.
- Provide and design ergo-friendly work environments.
- Encourage the use of teams to solve aging-associated problems.
- Provide training to build worker skills and competencies at all age levels.
- Proactively manage return-to-work processes and reasonable accommodations after illness or injury absences.

Identifying Effective Safety Change Agents

Who are the influencers in your organization specific to aspects of safety within your culture? How are you leveraging them to evolve the culture from within? OHS Online explores characteristics of effective change agents.

NEW ONLINE RESOURCES

Electrical Safety App
A new mobile app launched by the Electrical Transmission & Distribution (ET&D) Partnership will put best practices and safety guidelines used throughout the line construction industry into the hands of line workers in the field.

Tower Worker Video
The National Association of Tower Erectors (NATE) has released a safety video on night climbing as part of the Association’s popular “Climber Connection” campaign.

Podcast: Protect Your Hearing at Work
Noise-induced hearing loss is one of the most common work-related illnesses. Listen to this NIOSH podcast, “Protect Your Hearing at Work,” to learn more.

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Upcoming Training

- October 26–27, offered twice a year
  **First Aid/CPR/AED Instructor Training**
  This REVISED two day instructor development course is designed to prepare you to teach First Aid CPR/AED using the latest methods and materials from the National Safety Council’s Emergency Care Program. This course is perfect for organizations that regularly train people in First Aid and CPR/AED and are looking for the most current and effective training program available.
  
  Members: $350 + tax  |  Nonmembers: $450 + tax

- November 8, and monthly
  **First Aid/CPR/AED Training, full-day**
  Be prepared and be in compliance. Learn the skills to maintain the life of a victim until emergency medical personnel arrive. First Aid Training covers the basics: breathing emergencies, sudden illness and injury, bleeding and preventing disease transmission. The CPR/AED portion covers basic life support, emergency scene assessment, CPR and rescue breathing and choking. The AED segment covers operating characteristics of AEDs and shows you proper precautions and maintenance techniques. Upon course completion, you will receive National Safety Council First Aid/CPR/AED certificates.
  
  Members: $70 + tax (first attendee) $60.00 + tax (each additional attendee)  |  Nonmembers: $80 + tax

- November 10
  **Confined Space Entry Train-the-Trainer Plus, half-day**
  Looking for a smart and effective way to re-energize or completely revamp your confined space training without a huge time commitment? With our Train-The-Trainer PLUS workshop, not only do you get a new DVD program, you also receive the instruction to implement it — for just the price of the DVD!
  
  You’ll learn:
  - OSHA requirements for confined space entry compliance (29 CFR 1910.146)
  - Steps to administer an effective confined space entry program
  - Identification and classification of permit- and non-permit spaces
  - Proper entry procedures
  - Attendant, entrant, and supervisor responsibilities
  - Rescue techniques
  - How to effectively train employees and meet OSHA requirements

  J.J. Keller’s Confined Spaces: Entry Team Training program includes:
  - DVD – 27 minutes
  - EyeCue Training Package
  - Trainer’s Guide
  - Employee Handbooks – Qty 10
  - Wallet Cards – Qty 10
  - Trainer Tools CD
  - Awareness Poster
  
  Members: $355 + tax  |  Nonmembers: $395 + tax
  Additional people from your company can attend at a substantial discount, but will not receive a copy of the DVD program.

- November 15–17
  **HAZWOPER Technician Training**
  This 24-hour accredited workshop fills the annual training requirement for responders to chemical emergencies in OSHA 1910.120(q) Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response (HAZWOPER) Standard.
  
  **Day One:** Introduction to Regulations and Standards, Chemical Physical Hazards, Health Hazards and Information Sources
  
  **Day Two:** Health and Safety Plans, Emergency Response Plans, Personal Protective Equipment, Respiratory Protection and Chemical Protective Clothing
  
  **Day Three:** Decontamination Incident Command Systems (ICS) and Air Monitoring, DECIDE and Hazard Analysis
  
  Who should attend? Employees and employers covered by the OSHA HAZWOPER standard are required to take the initial HAZWOPER training which consists of a 24- or 40-hour course.
  
  Members: $395 + tax  |  Nonmembers: $499 + tax

**REGISTER TODAY!**

To register for any of these classes, contact Moira at moira@southdakotasafetycouncil.org or call our office at 605-361-7785 or 1-800-952-5539.
Prepare — and Save — with the Best AED!

Are AEDs a part of your preparedness plan? (Federal OSHA recommends it.) Take a look at Philips AED packages and accessories — we think they’re the best:

- Save more than $400 for each package purchased.
- 20% member discount on accessories, replacement pads or batteries.

Reminder: Philips will discontinue Forerunner AED batteries as of December 21, 2016. Philips stopped manufacturing the Forerunner in 2000, so if you have one, this may be a good time to replace old AEDs with a newer improved model through our trade-in program.

For more information, questions about AEDs, a customized package that fits your organization, or first aid/CPR/AED training, contact moira@southdakotasafetycouncil.org, 605-361-7785/800-952-5539.

TIME TO TURN ON YOUR HEAT?

Make sure your CO Alarm works!

Kidde Nighthawk carbon monoxide alarms are only $34.95 for members!

Visit our website, or contact Moira at 605-361-7785/800-952-5539 or moira@southdakotasafetycouncil.org.
Prepare for Safe Winter Fun

Winter in South Dakota offers many opportunities to enjoy cold- and snow-related activities like snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, ice fishing and more. No matter what the activity, injuries can happen if we’re not prepared. To help reduce risk, take a moment to follow a few general safety practices — use proper equipment and safety gear for the activity; know the rules; plan in advance and communicate with others regarding your whereabouts; and have adequate skills for the activity.

Are You Prepared for Winter Weather Conditions?

Check out this Winter Weather Preparedness Guide from the South Dakota Office of Emergency Management. It covers:

- Winter travel
- What to do if you’re stranded in a storm
- Winter fire safety
- Protecting your pets
- Winter safety for schools

 Biggest Safety Risk for Waterfowl Hunters? Drowning!

A reminder to waterfowl hunters to include life jackets on their hunting gear checklist.

Each year, more waterfowl hunters die from drowning than from other types of hunting accidents. Swamping, capsizing and falling overboard are all common factors leading to these deaths, but in nearly all cases the hunters would have survived had they been wearing a life jacket.